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**BY ECF AND EMAIL**

Honorable Lorna G. Schofield  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: *United States v. John D. McAfee and Jimmy G. Watson Jr.*, 21 Cr. 138 (LGS)**

Dear Judge Schofield:

An arraignment in the above-captioned case has been scheduled for March 22, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., pursuant to Your Honor's referral to Magistrate Court. The Government respectfully requests that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act between today and March 22, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7), in the interests of justice, to permit the parties to engage in discussions about potential resolutions of Watson's case and about a potential proposed schedule for pretrial discovery, motion practice, and trial in the event that an agreed upon resolution cannot be reached, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6) because defendant Watson is joined for trial with co-defendant McAfee, as to whom Speedy Trial Act time has not begun to run and no motion for severance has been granted. Defendant Watson, through his counsel, consents to these requests.

Respectfully submitted,

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